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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated December 9, 2005 (weekend). Enclosed is charge authorization form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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